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Harking Back

The recent death of Queen Lilioukalani, the deposed ruler of the Hawaiian Islands, brings back the memories of the time when President Cleveland, operating through "Paramount" Blount, hauled down the American flag at Honolulu, after repudiating the treaty of annexation which President Harrison had negotiated with the successful revolutionary government of the islands. It is to the credit of those revolutionary that they stood their ground. Though their plea was rejected at Washington, they maintained themselves at Honolulu and kept up a strong and stable government there until the better days of McKinley had come and the islands were taken under the Stars and Stripes once more—this time to stay. Within two years our acquisition of the Philippines took place, and Hawaii became a needed outpost on the route to our further island possessions. In those days "manifest destiny" was a campaign watchword—much ridiculed by democrats, to whom the forceful lessons of the stern progress of events were necessary before they could accept the truth. These lessons have lately been repeated for the benefit of democrats. When Roosevelt and other Republicans, three years ago, began to warn the country of the inevitableness of our getting into the war, they were sneered at and ridiculed, even as were the advocates of Hawaiian annexation twenty years earlier. This time we saw even a national campaign waged and won upon the gigantic fraud of our being "kept out of war." There will be a reaction now, just as there was in 1894.

Conservation of Meats

Meats furnish not only energy to the human system as a working machine but also build up and repair the worn down tissues which are weakened in the daily work, according to food experts of the federal food administration of Missouri. It is for this reason that meats must not be denied to our soldiers and sailors, for theirs is a duty that demands a constant expenditure of energy and a constant upbuilding of weakened tissues, the experts declare.

Meats in abundance may be furnished to the fighting units of the nation and the others across in France only by concerted conservation upon the part of the American people in their homes and in public eating places. Success in the present war will be largely based upon economy and conservation at home. It has been said that this war "may be won in the kitchens."

"Many people eat too much meat," Miss Bab Bell of the Missouri College of Agriculture declares. "Now that we are being asked to conserve meats it is our duty to use the substitutes even when we do not find them a real economy." Health will also result from a lesser use of meats.

"The foods classed as meat substitutes are milk, eggs, cheese, nuts, beans and peas. The composition of these foods make them adaptable for this use since they contain the same energy giving and tissue building properties as the meats."

Accept Under Protest

Missouri railroads have accepted the passenger rate increase by the

commission under protest. The railroads argue that they should have had the 3 cent rate applied. It is generally understood that the evidence submitted by the railroads in 1915 hearing when the commission allowed a passenger rate increase, was weak in comparison to the figures showing the increased cost in every department of railroad service at the present time, and the necessity for higher rates.

To Aid American Prisoners.

American prisoners of war in Germany are to be supplied with food and clothing by the American Red Cross. A systematic plan of sending parcels to the German prison camps at regular intervals is being worked out by the War and Navy Departments and the Red Cross, and it is hoped there will be no suffering on the part of our captured fighting men through lack of adequate nourishment and wearing apparel. Parcels will be sent into Germany from the disbursing agency of the Red Cross at Berne, Switzerland, which already has been supplied with 4,500 tons of food for any possible emergency. This food supply comprises 1,800,000 individual rations, or enough to feed 10,000 men for six months. The food supply to Americans in German prison camps will be the same in quality and quantity as that supplied by the Government to those in fighting service.

There also will be special rations for invalids, consisting of broth, malted milk, jellied chicken, and various valuable helps in convalescence. No doubt exists that the system of prison relief planned by the American Red Cross will work out satisfactorily, it having been ascertained that the same sort of relief undertaken by the French and English for their prisoners of war in Germany has been carried out with small percentage of loss or failure of supplies to reach those for whom intended.

To Increase Hog Production

Some of the best hog men in the state are assisting in the increased production campaign that was started November 26. These men will act as special agents for the University of Missouri College of Agriculture and will hold from four to six meetings in each hog producing county. About 75 of the principal hog producing counties of Missouri will be visited. Meeting dates will be arranged with the county councils of defense and the farm bureaus.

These farmers, who are themselves practical hog raisers, will urge that more sows be bred, that a higher percentage of the pigs be raised, that all hogs be made heavier so that they will attain a good marketable weight, that pork be produced on a minimum of grain, and that losses from disease be eliminated by vaccination and sanitation.

The officials of the Federal Food Administration have requested a definite increase in pork production for each state. The request is based on available supply of feed and upon other conditions which will determine profitable production. Missouri has been asked to increase production 50 per cent. In other words the state should have 6,500,000 hogs instead of 4,250,000. The percentage of increase asked in Missouri is greater than that in any other. Alabama stands next with a requested increase of 30 per cent.

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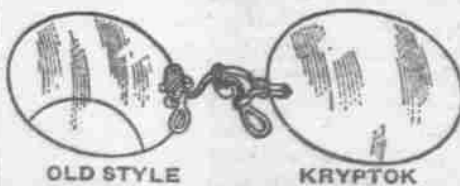
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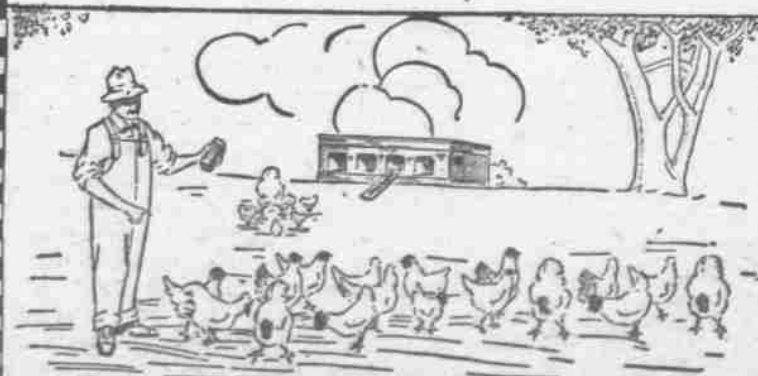
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